WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Aviation projects for Orissa

3045. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Civil Aviation Projects taken up in Orissa at the beginning of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress of the work as on date;

(c) whether the works on these projects are going on a per the schedule;

(d) if so, the amount spent on these projects; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e)* Work has been taken up at Bhubaneswar airport in Orissa, as follows:-

(1) Construction of New Terminal Building, New Apron Link Taxi-track has been completed as per schedule at a cost of Rs.17.77 Crores.

(2) A New Fire Station at a cost of Rs.87,18,000 was constructed against the sanctioned amount of Rs.1.10 Crores. Work has been completed in November, 1997 as per schedule.

(3) 96% work relating to extension of runway to 9000 ft. has been completed. As against the sanctioned amount of Rs.12.62 Crores, a sum of Rs.10.33 Crores has been spent to far.

Inconvenience caused to passengers due to delayed flights

3046. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ministers' stooges still think this is a banana republic" which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 21st June, 2001;